

## **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Feb. 22, 2011; meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, Christopher Stanley, James Sousa, Brian Remy, Scott Little, and Nancy Hayes.**

**N. Blank made motion, with second by R. Miner, to accept minutes from previous meeting as submitted; motion unanimously carried.**

### **Correspondence:**

**„« Individual company correspondence distributed.**

**„« Hampton Meadows Barrington station having spaghetti dinner at their station March 26th, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets \$10 each, if anyone interested in supporting their volunteers.**

**„« Newport St. Patrick's Day Committee invited Warren to participate.**

**C. Stanley said they will take the old green Eng. 1. Eng. 1 will also probably go. C. Stanley will contact committee. Chief told B. Remy Tower 1 can go if they want. Date March 12, 11:00 a.m.**

**„« Tattrie family sent thank you note for flowers and sympathy from Chief and Board of Engineers.**

### **Old Business:**

**„« First budget hearing has been changed to Thursday night, Feb. 24th; fire department scheduled for 8:40 p.m. if anyone interested in attending. Chief reviewed manager's proposed budget. Chief said**

he met with council member to better understand fire department's needs. He asked Chief what most important item in the budget would be; Chief responded getting Fire/EMS Coordinator full-time. Chief explained how his office responsibilities have changed and continue to change over time. N. Blank questioned why Chief's salary didn't go up more. Town Manager eliminated Chief's longevity, clothing allowance, etc. from "salary", making them separate; this took salary down to base. J. Sousa questions EMA Director's pay; Chief stated it is less than what most communities pay. Under capital items, manager did go along with new rescue truck, airbags for Special Hazards, 2 thermal imager cameras for Engs. 2 & 3. Chief said he may not fight for computer system, but will try to get the new shed for HQ. He also gave \$10,000 each for station upkeep and new gear; these will not be treated as capital items.

„« J. Sousa asked about repeater system. Chief stated he spoke with Tom Mitchell; still waiting to have frequency released. Chief will check with EMA Director Dave Smith at the Chief's meeting to see if it can be released, since Providence no longer uses it. Chief wants to use antennas instead of tower on Town Hall if we get frequency.

#### **New Business:**

„« St. Patrick's Day Parade info listed under correspondence.

„« Chief stated there was some controversy about having put the marine boat in when two kids were reported on the water. Chief said his theory is it is better to put boat in if possibility exists to save anyone. One of the complaints was that life jackets should be worn

during inclement weather. In speaking with Portsmouth Chief Lynch, they have work suits to use; Chief stated he purchased three; these have flotation built into them. Chief stated he purchased three suits for Sta. 6, because they still had the old-style Gumby suits.

„« Approximately 16 signed up for TIPS certification; B. Remy to contact individual to arrange class.

„« Brown University wants us to conduct extrication class in July.

### **Station Reports:**

„« Sta. 3 heat working better; does not run as long as it did before modification. N. Blank asked about have Sta. 3 painted; cost would be approx. \$2,200., including cost of paint for walls and ceilings. Chief said okay.

„« Sta. 5 ;V Chief said he would like to eliminate radiators and replace with blowers for improvement. Chief said that would require budget input.

„« Chief got new beds and some desks from Navy base for rescue headquarters. He needs to buy new mattresses.

### **Training:**

„« Basic class in second week; 20 attendees. Class seems to be off to good start. N. Blank stated need to go back to some method of identifying probationary members. Chief will check locker for blue helmets. J. Sousa suggested possibly using orange vests for them. Other suggestion was to place something different over the regular shield.

**„« Lo-Jack training scheduled for March 10 and 12 for Special Hazards. Participation could eventually involve mutual aid to other towns.**

**„« Wed., April 13th scheduled for SCBA re-cert. Chief will speak with John Massed about use of a facility, possibly Liberty Street School.**

**„« Officers Test dates not yet determined. Test results will be valid for two years. S. Little asked if a certain Sta. 5 member took test last year. He did; however, Chief stated department paid for him to take EMT class. Class and requirements were never completed by him. Chief feels if member cannot complete classes and then want to be an officer in the fire department, he has a problem with that. Chief said company wants to make individuals a company officer, they can; however, the Chief has the option of not permitting them to be a fire-ground officer.**

**„« Chief asked N. Hayes to make sure he gets copies of all updated EMS licenses.**

**There being no further business to discuss N. Blank made motion, with second by R. Miner, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.**